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## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES QUESTION

There is some slight doubt that the House will pass the Bingham bill next week. It rejected on Thursday, by a majority of but 2 votes, the minority bill. This action was a great surprise, for it had been supposed that a deadlock between the two houses would follow, with the final result of no action whatever.

## WERE TARIFF INCREASES PURCHASED?

The Carded Wool Manufacturers are greatly dissatisfied with the wool schedule of the Payne-Aldrich-Taft tariff bill, and have asked President Taft to withhold his approval of the measure until satisfied that corrupt means have not been used to influence Congressmen. They say that the tariff duties on combing wool, grown almost exclusively abroad, are so low as to give its users a great advantage over the Carded Wool Manufacturers whose product goes mostly to the poorer classes, while that of the combing wool manufacturers goes to the wealthy. They also say that they use domestic wool. It thus appears that the tariff discriminates not only against home-grown wool, but also against the poorer classes.

In a published letter to President Taft, H. J. Hamill who is president of the Carded Wool Manufacturers, states that after the Republican Party had pledged itself at the last election on the basis of foreign and domestic cost differences it had refused to change the wool schedule. He adds:

"Such a betrayal of the people naturally excites the suspicion of improper influences and motives, and in searching for such influences and motives the first thing to attract attention is the fact that there has not been published any statement of the names of the contributors or the amounts of the contributions to the Congressional campaign fund of 1908. This suggests the question: Were contributions made to this fund by those who profited by Schedule K (the wool schedule) with the understanding that this schedule should not be changed by the tariff revision to which the party was pledged?"

During last year's campaign, attention was called to the fact that contributions to the Republican Congressional Committee were not to be made public, and that legislation by Congress might thus be practically purchased. Mr. Hamill rather more than hints that it was so purchased. Would not many increases in duties be explained by publication of the contributions to the Congressional committee's campaign fund? Some of them are otherwise inexplicable. The people might be pleased, or otherwise, to learn that the coming increase in the cost of living was purchased by contributions to Republican campaign funds, and that they themselves unconsciously carried the purpose of the deal into effect by their vote.

## A SOMEWHAT COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE

The electricity bill passed by the Senate, Wednesday, provides that no person or corporation shall, unless so authorized by the General Assembly, in any city or town of over 15,000 population, manufacture for sale any electricity for lighting or power, unless to be used in the business of the manufacturer or in or on buildings or lands owned or used by him. It further permits the manufacture for sale to others where transmission under, along or across public highways or public grounds is necessary.

The first point which may be noted, is that the General Assembly may at any time authorize any person or corporation to manufacture and sell electricity to the general public. This is, we think, a legitimate inference from the working of the bill—"unless acting under authority from the General Assembly, if this inference is well founded, the General Assembly may at its pleasure authorize competition in general electric lighting and electric power supply."

The provision permitting the manufacture and distribution of electricity for the purposes of the business of the manufacturer or for sale in or on buildings and lands owned or used by him, is very comprehensive. Distance of such buildings and lands from the place of manufacture is not specified, even though the width or length of a city may be between them. As this provision also authorizes "distribution," it may possibly be held that the use of poles, conduits, etc., is permitted.

The last provision in the bill may, however, be held to prohibit "distribution" by such means upon or under public highways for sale to others than the manufacturer, but not when in his own use or for use in buildings or lands owned by him.

manufacturer may distribute his electricity wherever in the city he conducts his business or branches thereof, and wherever he owns buildings or lands, and of course he must, to do this, either purchase a private right of way or use the public highway. But possibly the measure may be changed in the House, although it is said to be satisfactory to all the interests concerned.

The Payne tariff bill is now a law. President Taft has approved it, though declaring it not "a complete compliance with promises" but "a sincere effort" to do so. It is a fact that hides and oil are made free of duty, and reductions on shoes, harness, etc., are granted, and it is also a fact that there are many increases in duties. The people may sincerely pray for deliverance from any more "sincere efforts" of such kind.

## CHICAGO WANTS BINGHAM

FORMER NEW YORK COMMISSIONER BEING URGED AS HEAD OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Rather than displace his wife and some of his closest political friends, Bernard J. Mullany, secretary to Mayor Busse has decided he would rather continue in his present position at \$5,000 a year than be a Chief of Police with \$8,000 pay.

Now that Mr. Mullany is off the slate as a dozen candidates to succeed ex-Chief Shippy.

Although he has not entered the race ex-Police Commissioner Bingham of New York, who was recently removed by Mayor McClellan, is being urged for the place. His strongest backer is Walter H. Wilson, City Controller, who wired some good words for Gen. Bingham from New England during the day.

Capt. Stephen B. Wood of the Twenty-Second Street Tenderloin District, is also being pushed. He has made a reputation in controlling vice in the great south side red light neighborhood, and his appointment would be acceptable to most of the powers in the political world. Wood took up the work left off by Inspector McCann, now under fire for alleged graft in the west side district.

## Will Drop Initial, On Lincoln Coin

Washington, Aug. 6.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has decided to drop the minting of the new Lincoln cent. The coins will be prepared as soon as possible, substituting for the initials of the designer the single initial "L" in an oblique position.

None of the cents issued so far will be called in, but the minting will be stopped because a sufficient supply on hand. The initials V. D. B. are those of the designer, V. D. Brenner of New York, and the single initial will be, it is considered, a sufficient recognition of his work.

This decision created much surprise, as the Treasury Department announced that the new coins would be in circulation for the present at least, and that the use of the initials on them was in line with a custom that had prevailed for years. This prominence, however, awakened widespread criticism, and yesterday's action followed further consideration of the matter.

Mr. MacVeagh said yesterday that he did not know that the initials would appear in embossed form on the pennies, and that he was surprised to find that they had been customary to allow designers to cut initials into the design somewhere, but they have usually been so small as to be almost magnifying glass to discover them.

## COONEVITES MAKE 2,000 CONVERTS

Dublin, Aug. 6.—The third annual convention of "The Dippers," as the Cooneyite revival in progress at Ballinacorney, County Fermanagh, is called, presents a strange scene of religious enthusiasm. It is the belief of the sect that the millennium may be ushered in at any moment, and prayer meetings are being held almost continuously.

John West, a well-to-do member of the sect, has placed his large house at Ballinacorney, at the disposal of the convention. The house accommodates one hundred persons, and is surrounded by a garden, and the outbuildings and the spacious lawns are being used for the purpose of the convention.

The little colony is the realization of the idea of simple, self-supporting communal life. Sunrise each morning finds the encampment full of life and activity. All the pilgrims are dressed in simple, plain clothing. The men are unshaven and wear rubber collars. On the heads of the women are straw sailor hats. All are busily engaged in manual labor of domestic duties—milk-making, butter-making, cooking, sewing, bootmaking, carpentering, etc.—every one being assigned to a daily task.

Their lives are spent in prayer, singing and baptisms. Energy is the keynote of the campaign.

Edward Conney, the leader of the sect, is the son of an Enniskillen Magistrate. He has a wonderful flow of language, and his sermons are interspersed with racy anecdotes. He easily holds his followers during his long discourses. He preaches on the unworthiness of all existing churches, and the uselessness of worldly possessions. One of the favorite hymns of the sect concludes:

Neither carry script nor raiment,  
Neither shoes nor staves;  
Walk unburdened through the deserts,  
Through the waves.

The baptismal ceremony is performed in an adjacent stream running along the valley. The leader doffs his boots and wades to the center of the stream. Then he gently lowers the convert, back to the shore, where he is immersed, after which the convert is assisted to the shore, while the pilgrims sing, "Who will be next?"

No money collections are taken up. Dinner and tea are given freely to all visitors to the convention, crowds of whom flock daily to see the "dippers." Many persons are being converted to the sect by reason of the energetic sincerity of the campaign, and are promptly admitted to the brotherhood. The converts already number over 2,000.

Thus far the convention has suffered no molestation. The pilgrims say they travel without money, earning their way by manual labor. Men and women are separated in the devotional meetings.

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## SOME AUTOISTS STUNG

Must Pay for Licenses Now and Again at End of Year.

Automobilists whose car registrations happen to expire between now and the end of the month must ante up their full fee now, and then, if the new auto law is signed by the Governor, who got it yesterday, they will have to ante up again at the end of the year, as all such licenses will be made to date from January 1. If the registrations happen to expire after September 1, renewals will be allowed at a pro rata amount. It will not do for the autoist whose registration expires now to take the risk of running the rest of the month without renewal, for, according to the officials in the State Secretary's office, a record is kept of the expiration time of each registration and if it isn't renewed police authorities may be told to run in the offender and his number may be given to somebody else.

## Rosie Meyer Catches Her Third Burglar

New York, Aug. 6.—Rosie Meyer, housekeeper for Mrs. Fannie Michael, 272 Seventh street, captured her third burglar within two months yesterday, and received from Magistrate Cornell in Essex Market Court, the complimentary comment:

You ought to be wearing a Police Lieutenant's badge.

Rosie, who weighs about 175 pounds, answered the doorman, and a man who gave his name as Joseph Sell and said he lived "in Avenue B," explained that he was looking for a furnished room. Rosie sent him up on the second floor, where Mrs. Michael's maid, who had been downstairs, and Mrs. Michael went out, leaving the man in the hall.

Presently Rosie missed the man, and as she had not heard the hall door close, she started to investigate. She went upstairs, and there she told the Magistrate, saw Sell coming out of Mrs. Michael's room with a big bag in his hand. Rosie grabbed the man, and before he realized it he was flat on his back, with one of Rosie's knees planted on his chest. Sell weighs only about 125 pounds, and there was nothing for him to do but lie still. Rosie let forth a few of her best screams, and Policeman Malloy of the Union Market Police station came and took the captive. Malloy told the Magistrate that when he arrived Sell was puffing away at a cigarette, and Rosie had given him permission to smoke while waiting for the policeman to come. The bag which Rosie said he was trying to take away from her, contained \$75 worth of wearing apparel belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Michael.

About two months ago Rosie discovered that thieves were carrying off the lead pipe in the Seventh street house. She took a day off, played sleuth, and captured a man in the act of walking away with several sections of the pipe. This display of detective ability on the young woman's part did not prove to be a sufficient warning to the pipe purloiners, however, and four weeks ago Rosie was compelled to repeat the performance.

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## FALLS INTO SOUND

New Haven, Aug. 6.—Shooting helplessly through the air because his parachute failed to open, George Drew, a balloonist who was carrying off the lead pipe in the Seventh street house, fell into Long Island Sound yesterday afternoon. The fact that the wind was in the right direction to make his balloon out to sea was the only thing that saved his life, as he would have been killed instantly had he struck the land.

He was picked up by an oyster fisherman a few minutes later, unconscious. He had revived last night, and it was said at the hospital that he would suffer no permanent effects. Drew is 23 years old and came here from New York city.

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